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SOURCE

1. On 3 May 1953, the Hermann Goering Kaserne in Dresden-Klotzsche was occupied by a rear detail of about 50 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. A Soviet officer stated that the troop units had left for Schmorkau near Koenigsbrueck for summer training. Only a few vehicles and troops were seen in the barracks area. At about 6 a.m. between 20 April and 4 May, 30 to 40 troops were repeatedly seen at physical training. Ten to 12 trucks were seen through the open door of a garage.

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2. On 3 May, the Napola installation was occupied by a rear detail. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. A Soviet officer stated that the unit previously stationed there had left for Schmorkau for summer training.

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3. On 3 May, the Polizei Kaserne in Hellerau was vacant. A Soviet officer stated that the hospital had been transferred to Schmorkau Castle near Koenigsbrueck. The entrance of the installation was closed and unguarded.<sup>2</sup>

4. On 3 May, the barracks installation in Dresden-Weisdorf was occupied by about 500 to 600 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Between 20 April and 3 May, an undetermined number of troops was repeatedly observed at firing practice and 10 to 12 soldiers were once observed engaged in precision throwing of hand grenades, in the barracks area. Sixty to 120 troops were repeatedly observed at advanced combat practice in the training area south of the installation.

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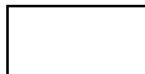
5. On 3 May, the SS Kaserne Wilder Mann was occupied by about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black or blue-bordered black epaulets. About 60 soldiers were once observed drilling at platoon level and six sidecar motorcycles were once seen at driving practice in the Heller area in the vicinity of the installation.

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6. On 3 May, the Koenig Georg Kaserne was occupied by only a rear detail. A few soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were seen en route from and to the installation. Source did not observe any training activity.<sup>1</sup>

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1. Comment. The units of the 11th Gds Tank Div, which left the installations mentioned in mid-April, were in summer camps in the area west of Schmorkau also in 1952.

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2. Comment. The information that the hospital had been transferred to the Schmorkau area strengthens previous assumptions, according to which the hospital is the army hospital of the 11th Gds Tank Div.

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3. Comment. The strength of the MVD unit stationed there was 1,000 men, according to another source.

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4. Comment. The occupation of the SS Kaserne Wilder Mann is undetermined. See . Blue-bordered black epaulets were also observed there by another source in late 1952.

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